



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 143**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Passed by the Senate)

**Sens.** Eklund, Hackett, Yuko, Brown, Oelslager, Schiavoni, Hite, Beagle, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hoagland, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates September 25 as "International Ataxia Awareness Day" in Ohio.
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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **International Ataxia Awareness Day**

The bill designates the 25th day of September as "International Ataxia Awareness Day" in Ohio.<sup>1</sup>

Between one to two persons in every 100,000 globally are affected by ataxia – a group of degenerative neurological disorders characterized by impaired coordination of movement, vision, speech, hearing and other involuntary actions. In the United States, over 150,000 people are affected by ataxia. Currently, there is no cure. Support organizations such as Living with Ataxia, American Ataxia Networking, and Ataxia-UK have adopted September 25 as International Ataxia Awareness Day as proposed by the National Ataxia Foundation. The aim of the declaration is to raise awareness and understanding of ataxia.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.257.

<sup>2</sup> National Ataxia Foundation, *International Ataxia Awareness Day*, <https://ataxia.org/international-ataxia-awareness-day/>.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-03-17
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid	10-18-17
Passed Senate (32-0)	10-18-17

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